GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2566
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Unidentified Flying Object
Singh Shri Lallu

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Traffic Control Room has sighted an unidentified object flying in the skies of Indira Gandhi International Airport, during the month of April;

(b) the details of the information regarding sighting of such objects in the vicinity of the airport during the last two years;

(c) whether the experts have expressed apprehension about breach of security at the airport owing to the construction of buildings in the aerocity near the airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There have been three reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects near Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi in April 2016. There have been 77 cases, including the above three incidents, since the first such reported sighting on 27.10.2015, of balloons / parasols / candle kites flying or being blown into the airside of IGI Airport.
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(c) & (d): Aero city is a part of the modernization plan drawn up by Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), which was approved by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Concerns had been raised by different security agencies regarding high rises of Aero city so close to the Airport.

To assess the security threats posed to IGI Airport by Aero city, a Committee, under the chairmanship of Joint Commissioner, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), under the Ministry of Civil Aviation with representatives of other stake holders, was constituted, which had suggested remedial measures, including deployment of Government security agency, strict access control, Area Security Plan for Aero city, etc.

The remedial measures have been taken.

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